

WC 16.04.077 State Highway 32 Landscape Overlay Zone

It is the purpose of the State Highway 32 Landscape Overlay Zone to promote the public health, safety, comfort, and general welfare by providing for consistent and coordinated landscaping of the properties bordering State Highway 32 in Washington Township, Hamilton County.

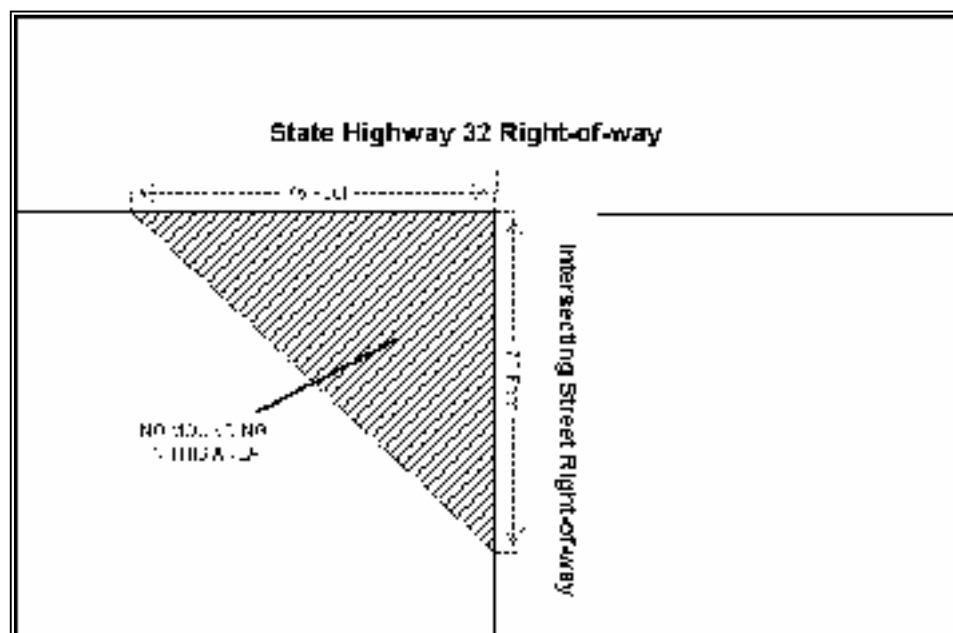
1. Application - This section (WC 16.04.077) shall apply to all land uses in all zoning districts that lie within the following described boundaries from the date at which this section is adopted.
2. State Highway 32 Landscape Overlay Zone Boundaries - The boundaries of the State Highway 32 Landscape Overlay Zone are hereby established for an area of 600 feet on either side of the right-of-way of State Highway 32, extending across the entire Township of Washington in Hamilton County, Indiana; except that portion of State Highway 32 which lies between U.S. 31 and Grassy Branch/Carey Road; and that portion which lies within the originally platted towns of Jolietville and Eagletown. (see Figure WC 16.04.077 A)
3. Landscaping - In conjunction with other landscaping requirements established in the Westfield - Washington Township Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, all development activities in the State Highway 32 Landscape Overlay Zone shall meet the following minimum landscaping requirements:
  - a) Frontage Along State Highway 32
    - All development activities on properties having frontage on State Highway 32 shall include construction of landscaping consistent with that which is established in Figure WC 16.04.077 B of this section.
    - This exhibit illustrates four shade trees, six ornamental trees, and five evergreen trees to be planted every two hundred lineal feet in a staggered manner, on a mound, along such frontage (see 16.04.077, 3c for approved tree species).
    - All mounding along State Highway 32 shall be located at least forty (40) feet from the State Highway 32 right-of-way.
    - No mounding or landscaping shall be permitted to interfere with drainage and/or utilities.
    - It is not necessary that mounding required within the State Highway 32 Landscape Overlay Zone meet the requirements established elsewhere in the zoning ordinance.

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- Any partial section of the two hundred foot frontage landscaping depicted in Figure WC 16.04.077 B shall be landscaped in a manner which is proportionate to its size (i.e., a one hundred foot section of road frontage would be planted with half the number of trees as a two hundred foot section).
- When calculating the number of trees to be planted along such frontage results in a fraction, the number of trees required shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number (i.e., a calculation of 2.3 trees results in 3 trees being required).
- It is not necessary for such plantings to be placed identically to those illustrated in Figure WC 16.04.077 B; however, the Plan Commission shall have full authority to require any plans which differ from Figure WC 16.04.077 B to be changed in a way which is more consistent with Figure WC 16.04.077 B.

### b) Intersections Along State Highway 32

- All development activities on properties which include or abut intersections along State Highway 32 (including all thoroughfares, driveways, and vehicular accesses to property) must include construction of landscaping consistent with that which is established in Figure WC 16.04.077 C of this Section.
- This exhibit illustrates daylilies, junipers, and six ornamental trees to be planted on the bulb-like termination of the frontage mounding facing State Highway 32 at each intersection. (see 16.04.077, 3c for approved tree species)
- Such mounding shall not be placed or permitted to remain on any corner lot within the triangular area formed by the intersection of rights-of-way lines and points seventy-five (75) feet from such intersection.



- In the case of rounded rights-of-way intersections, the seventy-five (75) feet distance shall be measured from the point at which the rights-of-way lines would intersect if they were not to have been rounded at the corner.
- All mounding shall be located at least forty (40) feet from the State Highway 32 right-of-way and the rights-of-way of intersecting streets.
- No mounding or landscaping shall be permitted to interfere with drainage and/or utilities.
- It is not necessary that mounding required within the State Highway 32 Landscape Overlay Zone meet the requirements established elsewhere in the zoning ordinance.
- It is not necessary for such plantings to be placed identically to those illustrated in Figure WC 16.04.077 C; however, the Plan Commission shall have full authority to require any plans which differ from Figure WC 16.04.077 C to be changed in a way which is more consistent with Figure WC 16.04.077 C.

c) Approved Tree Species

Shade Trees - must be at least two and one half inches in diameter

- Purple Ash
- Honey Locust
- Red Maple

Ornamental Trees - must be at least two inches in diameter

- Winterking Hawthorn
- Crabapple
- Pear

Evergreens - must be a minimum of six feet in height

- Blackhill Spruce
- Colorado Blue Spruce
- Serbian Spruce
- Austrian Spruce

Other species may be substituted only with the explicit permission of the Plan Commission.

The following list of tree species shall not be permitted to be used to meet the minimum landscaping requirements of the State Highway 32 Landscape Overlay Zone; however, they may be used in addition to the trees required to meet State Highway 32 Landscape Overlay Zone landscaping standards, with the same maintenance requirements as established in 16.04.077, 3d:

- Box Elder
- Silver Maple
- Tree of Heaven
- Paper Birch
- European White Birch
- Southern Catalpa
- Mulberry
- American Sycamore
- Lombardy Poplar
- Cottonwood
- Carolina Poplar
- Pin Oak
- Willows
- Siberian Elm

d) Maintenance - All plantings required by this section shall be owned and maintained by the owner of the property on which they exist. Each owner shall be required to maintain such plantings in a reasonable manner, replacing damaged or dead plantings, and not allowing such plantings to pose health and/or safety risks to vehicular traffic.

4. Landscaping Plans - Landscaping plans for all lots within the State Highway 32 Landscape Overlay Zone, on which any building is to be constructed shall be designed in accordance with the provisions of this section in order to receive site development plan approval from the Plan Commission.
5. Disclaimer on Rezoning - The State Highway 32 Landscape Overlay Zone does not rezone any land for any purpose.
6. Board of Zoning Appeals - All uses and standards of this section may be subject to variances as approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals pursuant to section WC 16.04.170 of the Westfield - Washington Township Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Figure WC 16.04.077 A

